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locate an address of said at least one recipient by analyzing said recipient block and analyzing said address database to determine an address corresponding to said at least one recipient, wherein the recipient block is obtained from any page of the facsimile; and
a transmitter in communication with said data processor for sending said facsimile to said at least one recipient at said located address.

REMARKS

Independent claims 1 and 2 are currently pending and have been amended to further clarify the invention. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims in view of the claim amendments.

The claimed invention is distinguished over Toyoda, *et al.*, which discloses that destination information is provided in a predetermined zone of the document sheet (see Toyoda *et al.*, col. 9, lines 8-14), rather than in any portion of the facsimile page, as claimed. The claimed invention is further distinguished over Alam, which discloses that geometric analysis of the image of the fax is performed only on the fax cover page (see Alam, col. 8, lines 19-22, and col. 10, lines 43-48) rather than from any page of the facsimile, as claimed.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned attorney stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

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Applicants respectfully petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fees, except for the Issue Fee, is to be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0311.

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APPENDIX A

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for routing ~~at least one~~ a facsimile having at least one page to at least one recipient, comprising the steps of:
 - dividing ~~said text of the~~ at least one page of the facsimile page in to into blocks;
 - converting ~~said the text in the blocks of~~ at least one facsimile page of the facsimile into data;
 - isolating at least one of said blocks as a recipient block, wherein the recipient block is located in any portion of the at least one page of the facsimile;
 - locating ~~the an~~ an address of said at least one recipient by analyzing said recipient block and analyzing address data to determine an address corresponding ~~-to~~ to said at least one recipient, wherein the recipient block is obtained from any page of the facsimile; and
 - sending said facsimile ~~page data to~~ page data to said at least one recipient at said located address.
2. (Amended) A system for routing ~~at least one~~ a facsimile having at least one page to at least one recipient comprising:
 - a fax server ~~including~~ comprising:
 - a storage unit including an address database;
 - a data processor, said data processor programmed to:

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corresponding to said at least one recipient, wherein the recipient block is obtained from
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